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Slaughter Announces Federal Funding to Provide Local At-Risk Youth With Education and Training

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Buffalo, NY - Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules, is pleased to announce that the Western New York Americorps Fund received a \$687,492

YouthBuild grant from the Department of Labor, key federal funding to provide at-risk young people with education and training. This funding is especially critical given Buffalo's struggles with poverty.

"Especially here in Buffalo where we are struggling with high rates of poverty, it is important that we support community programs to help prepare our young people for the future," said Rep. Slaughter. **"I am proud to announce this key federal funding for the Western New York Americorps Fund to arm our young people with the**

tools they need to succeed like education, skills training, and leadership development."

YouthBuild Grants are used to provide disadvantaged youth with: the education and employment skills necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency in occupations in high demand and postsecondary education and training opportunities; opportunities for meaningful work and service to their communities; and opportunities to develop employment and leadership skills and a commitment to community development among youth in low-income communities.

A portion of this funding was made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

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